

schools of New Orleans where she attended Johnson C. Lockett Elementary and McDonogh 35 Senior High School. She went on to receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in Kindergarten-Primary Education from Dillard University in 1956 and later earned her Master of Education degree in Early Childhood Education from Tulane University. In the seventies, she furthered her education even more at Tulane University.

Ms. Jackson has retired three times in her illustrious career. First, from the New Orleans Public School System in 1977. In 2001, she retired from St. Mark's Community Center where she directed the Child Care Training Program. Finally, in 2015, she retired from Delgado Community College, where she instructed CDA Prep Training for Head Start and childcare teachers in the Greater New Orleans area.

She is a passionate Head Start supporter. Ms. Jackson most recently served as a member of the Jefferson Parish Head Start Policy Council as a Community Representative from 2015 to 2021. Her past service has included CDA Advisor and Trainer to Head Start teaching staff, member of the Head Start Policy Council Education committee giving input to policies impacting parental programs in Head Start Centers, and as a presenter at Jefferson Parish Head Start Annual Teacher Workshops. Ms. Jackson has certainly left a lasting impact in the Head Start community across several communities and in various capacities since its inception in 1965.

Her dedication to the advocacy and protection of the rights of children is unmatched. She has been active in numerous causes for children and families. Ms. Jackson is Past President of the Louisiana Association for the Education of Young Children; Founder and Advisor of the New Orleans Association of Family Child Care Providers, Inc.; former Advisory Board member of the Louisiana Children's Trust Fund; former Trainer of the WYES Ready to Learn Program; Life Member of the Dillard University Alumni Association and Louisiana Retired Teachers Association.

Ms. Jackson has had a lasting impact on countless individuals across the Greater New Orleans region and State of Louisiana that can never be measured. I am honored to be able to share her story with the rest of the nation for generations to come so that others may be inspired by her service to others.

HONORING MATILDA ZIZOLI

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Matilda Zizoli, an essential partner in our effort to relocate Afghan allies from Albania to the United States.

When it was announced in mid-August 2021 that Afghan evacuees would be hosted in Tirana, Ms. Zizoli answered the call and began volunteering with Spirit of America, a non-profit organization whose mission is to support our diplomats and our men and women in uniform abroad. Despite her volunteer period concluding once the Afghan evacuees were relocated to Shengjin, Albania, Ms. Zizoli continued to volunteer and organize crit-

ical services support for the evacuees. She also continued to help Spirit of America personnel with her local knowledge and contacts throughout the country. In October 2021, Ms. Zizoli became the Albania Project Manager for Spirit of America.

Before joining Spirit of America, Ms. Zizoli led a life of public service. From working with Roma communities in Tirana to serving at social services centers and developing mental and emotional well-being services for the underprivileged, Ms. Zizoli has always worked to better the lives of those who are less fortunate. Ms. Zizoli truly lives up to and embodies the Albanian notion of Besa: meaning to keep one's word, particularly in aiding and protecting people in their greatest moment of need.

During her time as Albania Project Manager, she was in charge of the care, support, and well-being of 121 Afghan evacuees. Ms. Zizoli helped several families navigate complicated issues: the birth of two newborn babies, the emergency evacuation of one family to the U.S. for a major health issue, several personal health issues for family members, and the psychological support needs of vulnerable Afghan evacuees. She spearheaded the organization and preparation for the Afghan evacuees when the Department of Homeland Security fly-away team came to Albania and the group prepared to leave for the United States. At every turn, Ms. Zizoli acted with professionalism, humanity, and diligence.

Throughout the seven months that these Afghan evacuees were in Albania, Ms. Zizoli went above and beyond to ensure that they were cared for, safe, and supported. She organized cultural events for the Afghans to enjoy in Albania, fostering learning and appreciation between the Albanian and Afghan people. She was always willing to drop whatever she was doing to help them navigate the complexities of government bureaucracies foreign to them, get them the care they needed, or just listen to their stories and help them through a difficult time. In so doing, Ms. Zizoli was instrumental in the success of the mission.

Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Ms. Matilda Zizoli for her willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty in our effort to evacuate Afghan allies from Kabul and support them in their new lives. For her commitment to supporting them while they awaited processing and resettlement to the United States, for her value to the U.S.-Albanian partnership, and for her "I can manage" attitude when encountering problems or hurdles, I submit these words to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD so they stand as a tribute to her dedicated service when the moment called for it most.

HONORING GRAY STONE DAY
SCHOOL GRADUATE ANNIE
HABEEB FOR OUTSTANDING
ATHLETIC LEADERSHIP AND
SUCCESS

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Ms. Annie Habeeb for her exceptional accomplishments and leadership as a soccer player.

Ms. Habeeb attended Gray Stone Day School in Stanly County where she was a four-year member of the varsity women's soccer team. Over the course of her four-year high school career, she helped lead the Knights to a 71-9-5 record in which they won 86.5 percent of their games and made it deep into the state playoffs each year. She also strengthened her game by playing in Iceland, Denmark, and Sweden as a member of the Lake Norman Soccer club team. Following high school, Ms. Habeeb competed for and recently graduated from Flagler University where she earned her bachelor's degree in hospitality and tourism management with a minor in business administration. After experiencing great success over her four years of soccer at Flagler, Ms. Habeeb has decided to pursue a career in professional women's soccer. She recently signed a contract with IFK Kalmar in Sweden's OBOS Damallsvenskan league.

As a member of one of the most prestigious soccer leagues in the world, Ms. Habeeb is the first student from Gray Stone Day School to become a professional athlete. This remarkable achievement is tangible evidence of her hard work and determination which represents the very best of our community. Praised by others for her devout work ethic and superb leadership skills, Ms. Habeeb sets an excellent example for all to follow.

I would like to extend my most heartfelt appreciation to Ms. Habeeb for her austere commitment to soccer and dedicated leadership within our community. I speak for our entire community in wishing her continued success and happiness as she pursues her dream of playing professional soccer.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Ms. Annie Habeeb for her excellent leadership and unprecedented success as a graduate from Gray Stone Day School.

RECOGNIZING THE NAMING OF JEFFRIES HALL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chris and Lisa Jeffries on the occasion of the naming of Jeffries Hall at the University of Michigan Law School located in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their significant contributions to the University of Michigan and our greater community are worthy of commendation.

A 1974 graduate of Michigan Law School, Chris Jeffries is a philanthropist and the co-founder of Millennium Partners, a real estate development company. Upon graduation from Michigan, he worked as a partner at Keywell & Rosenfeld in Southfield, Michigan. He has also contributed to other Michigan institutions, such as the Henry Ford Health System based in Metro Detroit, to help them deliver better care and develop innovative treatments for patients.

Mr. Jeffries recalls his time at Michigan Law as formative and memorable, and he wants to ensure that students who lack financial resources are given the same opportunity to thrive at Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Jeffries have committed \$33 million to the University of